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The Honorable John Dingell United States House of Representatives 2322 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

We are taking this opportunity to thank you for your work on the FamilyCare Act and your intention to introduce the bill in the current Congress. This proposal has the strong support of the Children's Defense Fund because it provides and strengthens health care coverage for uninsured children and their parents. Building on the successes of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), this legislation will increase coverage for uninsured children, provide funding for health insurance coverage for the uninsured parents of Medicaid and CHIP-eligible children, and simplify the enrollment process for Medicaid and CHIP to make the programs more family friendly.

We look forward to working with you for passage of the FamilyCare Act by the Congress.

Sincerely,

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